
ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF ERIE COUNTY

Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

THE ADAMHS BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM BY LISA CRESCIMANO; *THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Crescimano, Chair, Adrienne Gibbs, Celine Hemminger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Poggiali, Herman S. Robinson, Tom Tucker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Alexis Koch, Nancy Martin, Rob Quinn, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Taylor, Bethany Parnell, Alyssa McGue, Caleb Stidham, Kelly LaRosa

GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mary Supina from Sandusky Artisan's Recovery Community Center reminded the Board that the 10th Annual Recovery Walk will be taking place Saturday, September 23.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SECRETARY'S REPORT:

August 15, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes, Tom Tucker moved to accept minutes as presented, second by Herman S. Robinson. All members voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Planning Committee met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:00am.
- The Finance Committee did not meet during the month of September.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1) **CONTRACT WRITER – KELLY LAROSA:**

Kelly LaRosa attended the meeting today and will be joining the team on a contractual, part-time basis to assist in grant writing for the Board. Kelly has an extensive knowledge in grant writing and took a moment to give some career background information. Welcome aboard, Kelly!

2) **NAMI COORDINATOR:**

- Celine Hemminger took a moment to inform the Board of NAMI Erie's newest hire, Victoria Allen; Ms. Allen will serve as a part-time Coordinator. She has already made great strides within the organization, as seen by the recent social media updates on Facebook. Having another set of hands will be a great asset for NAMI.

3) **STATUTORY CHANGES FOR ADAMHS BOARDS (HOUSE BILL 33):**

- Diane reviewed the recent changes that were made regarding statutory regulations for Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards (ADAMH) in Ohio. Some of these changes include

reporting changes regarding agency waitlists, mental health/addiction treatment provider accreditation, and recovery housing treatment.

4) **HOUSING TOOL KIT:**

- There is currently a very large discussion around the State regarding recovery housing, as the need is great, and access to this type of housing is extremely limited. Diane reviewed a “housing toolkit” pamphlet that was handed out, which gives insight and suggestions to this issue.

5) **VETERANS COURT:**

- The Erie County Common Pleas Court has agreed to create a Veteran’s Court. Diane and Kelly will be working on a small grant through the Veteran’s Administration. The VA will pay for all services until all licensure has been met. Judge Tygh M. Tone and Tom Dusza, Magistrate/Civil Court Administrator, will be overseeing this court.

6) **ASSISTED OUTPATIENT THERAPY (AOT) – PROBATE COURT FOLLOW-UP:**

- Erie County Probate Court has agreed to participate in assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) on a limited basis. They want to gauge the scale/involvement of this operation before committing to a full caseload. A staff member from the State is willing to provide training to those involved.

7) **STAFF APPRECIATION INVITATION – PROVIDER MEETING:**

- On Thursday, September 21, the Quarterly Provider Meeting will be held at the Erie County Health Department. Board members are invited to attend. There will be an appreciation luncheon given to the providers in attendance for recognition of their continued hard work and dedication.

8) **SCHOOL PREVENTION UPDATE:**

- Diane, Bethany, and Alyssa attended the 2023-2024 Erie County Superintendent’s Meeting hosted by North Point Educational Services on Thursday, September 14. Alyssa gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing this year’s School Prevention partnership between the ADAMHS Board and Erie County Schools. The deadline for schools to apply for funding is October 15.

9) **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TRAINING INVITATION:**

- On Friday, October 13, 2023, the Erie County Community Foundation is hosting an event, Better Together Mental Health Workshop: “*The Situation in Erie County*”. This event will be held at the Erie County Health Department from 9-11:30am; Board members are invited to attend. Diane will be giving a presentation on behalf of the ADAMHS Board.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT:

1) BEACON PROPERTY UPDATE

- Caleb detailed the Board's ongoing progress being made with the Beacon House. The ADAMHS Board has full attention of the Erie County Prosecutor's Office to ensure thorough legal proceedings. It was discovered that both loans for the Venice Road properties are for the Beacon House (Apartments). The Beacon Group Home has been completely paid off.

- Caleb also gave an update on OneOhio and the representatives for Erie County's region (region 19). Erie County Commissioner, Matt Old, will be the representative for region 19 to the State and for Erie County individually. Initial funding will be dispersed to region 19, including counties: Erie, Lorain, Huron, Ashland, Richland, Wayne, and Medina, in the amount of \$3.4 million.

FINANCIALS:

Bethany Parnell, CFO, reviewed the FY2023 and FY2024 Board Revenues, Board Expenses, Cash Balance Summary, Fund Balances, Docket, Then & Now's, and Revenue Sources.

Motions Requiring Action:

- **Approval of monthly Bills to be Paid in September, Resolution No. 09-2024-01**, Whereas, the attached **September Financial Transaction Report** has been reviewed for appropriateness and compliance with Board Policies. Therefore, **Lisa Crescimano** resolved that the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Erie County approve the September Financial Transaction Report. **Total amount approved was \$370,128.49**, second by **Tom Tucker**.

Rollcall vote for monthly Bills to be Paid in September: Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Celine Hemminger, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Nancy McKeen, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Herman S. Robinson, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes. **Resolution carried.**

- **Approval of THEN and NOW: Resolution No. 09-2024-02**, WHEREAS, the attached schedule of payment is requested to be paid without existence of a prior approved contract or order, and is in excess of \$3,000 or insufficient unencumbered funds; **Lisa Crescimano** RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. **Total amount approved was \$11,793.90**, second by **Tom Tucker**.

Rollcall Vote for Then and Now Resolution: Nancy McKeen, yes; Herman S. Robinson, yes; Steve Poggiali, yes; Tom Tucker, yes; Adrienne Gibbs, yes; Celine Hemminger, yes; Lisa Crescimano, yes. **Resolution carried.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:41 PM

SIGNATURE

